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MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.80 million hogs and pigs on June 1, 2012, unchanged from last year but up 3 percent from the March 1, 2012, figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding inventory totaled 560 thousand head, unchanged from a year earlier but up 2 percent from March 1, 2012. Market hogs and pigs at 7.24 million head, were unchanged from a year ago but up 3 percent from March 1, 2012.

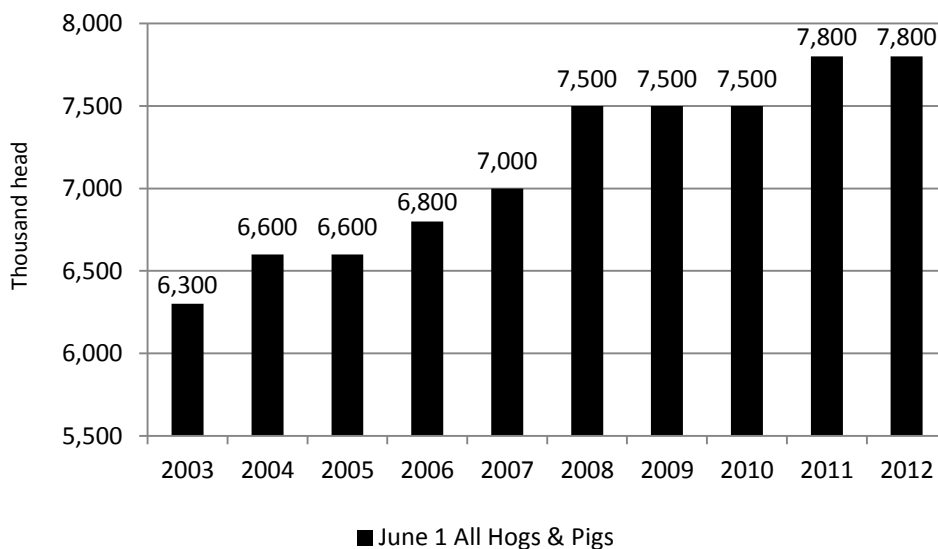
MARCH-MAY PIG CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

Minnesota's March-May 2012 pig crop totaled 3.02 million head, down 1 percent from a year earlier but up 4 percent from the December 2011-February 2012 pig crop. The 295 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 10.25 pigs per litter, down from 10.35 a year ago.

JUNE-AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 290 thousand sows during the June-August 2012 quarter. If realized, this would be down 2 percent from actual sows farrowed during the same period a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 290 thousand sows during the September-November 2012 quarter. If realized, this would be down 2 percent from actual sows farrowed during the same period in 2011.

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U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2012 was 65.8 million head. This was up 1 percent from June 1, 2011, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.86 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up 1 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, up slightly from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.09 for the March-May period, compared to 10.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2011 through March 2012 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one percent was made to the December 2011 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half percent was made to the March 2012 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one and one half percent was made to the September-November 2011 pig crop.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States, December-November 2011-2012 ^{1 2}**

Month	Sows Farrowing ¹		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ¹	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ²	953	956	9.81	9.97	9,345	9,527
Jan	954	964	9.76	9.95	9,312	9,587
Feb	936	957	9.83	10.00	9,210	9,568
Mar	986	986	10.02	10.04	9,880	9,895
Apr	961	962	10.02	10.10	9,633	9,717
May	970	971	10.04	10.12	9,739	9,829
Jun	988		10.04		9,917	
Jul	966		10.00		9,662	
Aug	974		10.04		9,776	
Sep	996		10.03		9,985	
Oct	975		10.03		9,779	
Nov	959		10.01		9,601	
Total	11,617		9.97		115,837	

¹ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

² December preceding year.